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## DARING AVIATOR MET DEATH TODAY

### Moisant Killed by Fall Near New Orleans

Machine Turned Over One Hundred Feet in the Air and Aviator Shot Out Head First—Died While Special Train Was Speeding Him to a Hospital—Thirty-fourth Victim.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 31.—John B. Moisant, the aviator, was fatally hurt this morning about 10 o'clock while trying to make a landing at Harahan, twelve miles above New Orleans. His machine turned head down at an altitude of one hundred feet, throwing Moisant out head first. The machine was wrecked and Moisant landed on his head. Moisant died on a special train speeding to New Orleans from the scene of the accident.

#### When the Accident Occurred.

Moisant in his fifty horse power Blériot monoplane, with special gasoline tank aboard, left the aviation field at 10:05 o'clock and flew to Harahan, the special grounds over which the aviator was to try for the Michelin cup. Moisant circled the field twice, trying to find a landing place. This was difficult, the field being on the edge of the Mississippi River and swamps on all other sides. Suddenly, from a cause which may never be known, the monoplane turned its head downward. The horrified watchers saw Moisant pitched clear over the head of the machine and fall like a plummet for a distance of fully one hundred feet, landing on his head. The machine with its propellers still working, turned sidewise and fell a complete wreck. Moisant was rushed to a flat car and hurried to a hospital here. He was still breathing when placed aboard the car.

#### The Body Reaches New Orleans.

The report that Moisant met with an accident spread rapidly. When the special bearing the body arrived at the station there was a vast crowd. As the train drew in several men leaped to the platform and running to an ambulance told the surgeons that Moisant was still alive. The first surgeon, however, who reached the car saw that Moisant was dead. A hush fell over the throng as the attendants bore the body to the ambulance.

#### The Scene of the Fatality.

Harahan is a station on the Illinois Central, twelve miles from New Orleans. On one side lies the Mississippi river. On the other, a small strip of dense swamp land separates it from Lake Pontchartrain. The air currents are peculiar, with gales frequently sweeping westward along Lake Pontchartrain and meeting a heavy rush of wind coming down the river, causing whirls in the air. It was noted as dangerous by several aviators. Harahan is accessible to New Orleans only by a road which runs along the top of a levee.

#### The Thirty-Fourth Martyr.

Moisant is the thirty-fourth man to lose his life in development of aviation. Twenty-nine were killed during the present year. Four were killed in 1909 and one in 1908. The death roll includes George Chavez, the Peruvian who flew over the Alps and was fatally injured while landing; Ralph Johnson, the American who before broke the world's altitude record; Charles S. Roth, the English sportsman; Leon Delacrange, the noted French aviator, and Cecil Grace, who, after flying from Dover to Calais, was lost in a fog over the North Sea.

#### Career of Moisant.

Moisant was a French-Canadian. He spent his early life at Kankakee, Ill. On the death of his father he went to San Francisco and later to Nicaragua, where he became a multi-millionaire. Moisant had a narrow escape from death last Tuesday, at New Orleans. After being blown five miles from his course by a forty mile wind, he glided downward from an altitude of 9,000 feet, barely escaping rough landing in a clump of trees, which his skill, as pilot enabled him to avoid by a narrow margin.

#### Biograph Pictures Today.

Two excellent Biograph pictures will be shown today at the Bijou theatre the titles of which are "White Roses" and "The Recreation of An Heiress." These are splendid pictures and they will undoubtedly please the patrons of the theatre.

## FOR TWO WEEKS WITH THE DEAD

### Strange Case Unearthed In Cleveland

Man Ate and Slept in Same House for Two Weeks With Dead Bodies of Wife and Child—Says He Was Unaware of the Awful Truth at the Time, But Police Are Holding Him.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 31.—For two weeks, while the dead bodies of his wife, Anna, and his three-year-old daughter, Hormina, lay decomposing in an upstairs room, Herman Melike ate and slept in a downstairs room at his home on Cedar Avenue, without suspecting anything was wrong, he told the police. He is being held, however, pending investigation.

## CAPT. CODY WINS CUP FOR DISTANCE BALLOONING

Aldershot, Eng., Dec. 31.—Captain Frank Cody, of the British War Office Ballooning Department, has won the British Michelin cup for duration distance for 1910, flying one hundred and ninety miles in four hours and fifty minutes. The flight ended when Cody's aeroplane accidentally touched the ground.

#### Grand Theatre.

Special music by Grand Orchestra.

#### Stocks Today.

New York, Dec. 31.—Wall Street—The stock market opened dull, with general fractional declines. The market closed heavy. Speculation drew to a close for the year on the stock exchange, with prices on the down grade. Not much effect was made on values. The absence of any demand impeded Bear professionals to make a feeble demonstration as the session ended.

#### Grand Theatre.

Chinatown Rag, illustrated song by Mr. Banks.

## THREATENED STRIKE DELAYED UNTIL LATE IN JANUARY

Rome, Dec. 31.—A majority of the railway men opposed to violence have decided to defer the threatened strike until the end of January, in order to give the Government and Parliament time to amend the bill granting an annual increase of \$4,000,000.

## GROUND SQUIRRELS CAUSE A \$500,000 WASHOUT

Washington, Dec. 31.—One dozen ground squirrels, that burrowed into an embankment in Stanislaus county, Calif., last May have caused a washout resulting in \$500,000 loss, according to Henry W. Henshaw, chief of the Government Bureau of Biological Survey. The annual loss from these animals is officially estimated at \$12,000,000.

#### Grand Theatre.

"The Red Cross Seal," an intensely dramatic picture. It

## ANDY CARNEGIE GIVES ANOTHER HERO FUND

Berlin, Dec. 31.—Andrew Carnegie has given one and a quarter million dollars to establish a hero fund in Germany. This is the fourth hero fund established by Carnegie, the other funds being in the United States, France and Great Britain.

#### Grand Theatre.

"The Red Cross Seal," an intensely dramatic picture. It

#### Grand Theatre.

A great comedy picture, "The Gold Necklace," today. It

## Kipling Tells Medicine Hat Why It Should Not Change Its Name



What? What's that? Scat! Who'd have it? That's the place the weather comes from," the "s" is just above the United States in British Columbia. Medicine Hat recently hinted about changing its name because certain irreverent folk laughed at its queer cognomen. Rudyard Kipling, most famous of living authors—poet, story writer, novelist—immediately wrote a letter to the Medicine Hat people, in which he said, among many other things: "So far as I can make out from what I heard when I was with you in 1907 and from the clippings you inclose the chief arguments for the change are: (a) That some United States journalists have some sort of joke that Medicine Hat supplies all the bad weather of the United States and (b) that another name would look better at the head of a prospectus. Incidentally I note that both arguments are developed at length by the Calgary Herald. I always knew that the Calgary Herald called Medicine Hat names, but I did not realize that Medicine Hat wanted to be Calgary's little godchild. Now, as to the charge of brewing bad weather, etc., I see no reason on earth why white men should be bluffed out on their city's birthright by an imported joke. Accept the charge joyously and bravely, and go forward as Medicine Hat, the only city officially recognized as capable of freeing out the United States and giving the continent cold feet." Let us examine the sound of the present name Medicine Hat. I have my maps by me, but I seem to remember a few names of places across the border, such as Schenectady, Putnam, Schenectady, Poughkeepsie, Potomac, Cohoes, Tonawanda, Oneonta, etc., all of which are rather curious to the outsider."

## NOTHING BUT TURMOIL

All Kinds of Trouble Reported for Portugal—Plot Against the Provisional Government and to Restore King Manuel.

Paris, Dec. 31.—Rumors of political intrigues in Portugal, insecurity of the Provisional Government and a plot to restore dethroned King Manuel is the revised story of the revolution. Marquis Lavrado says the King has been warned of a conspiracy against the House of Braganza.

## BIG RAISE FOR LEHIGH VALLEY CONDUCTORS

Mauch Chunk, Pa., Dec. 31.—The Lehigh Valley conductors' committee and General Manager Maguire have for several weeks been busy considering a new schedule of rates. A new rate card effective January 1st has been adopted. The men get an increase varying from thirty to fifty cents a day, according to the territory covered. Men running from Buffalo to Jersey City now average \$175 monthly. They will get an additional forty-cents a day. The same average of increase is made for all classes.

## EARTHQUAKES IN CALIFORNIA

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—A distinct earth tremor was felt here this morning. Other towns north and south reported heavy shocks. No damage is reported.

## "BLACK HAND" HURLED BOMB IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Residents near Thirteenth and Diakenson streets were frightened out of their beds this morning by the terrific explosion of a bomb in Frank Angellucci's grocery store.

#### Grand Theatre.

Perfectly ventilated, most sanitary theatre in the South. It

## TUNNEL EXPLOSION

Crash One Hundred Feet Beneath East River Injured Six Workmen—One Will Probably Die—Belated Dynamite Blast Caused the Disaster.

New York, Dec. 31.—A dynamite explosion in a tunnel one hundred feet beneath the East River, between Manhattan and Brooklyn, today injured six workmen. One will die. The tunnel, a tremendous engineering project, is being bored through mud and rock of the river bed. The men were at work in the tunnel when the explosion occurred. They had set off several dynamite blasts during the night, but several of them failed to explode.

## ROBIN HAS AN EVEN CHANCE WITH DEATH

New York, Dec. 31.—Physicians declare that Joseph G. Robin, banker and director, who swallowed one tenth of a grain of poison just before arraignment yesterday on an indictment for grand larceny from the Washington Savings Bank, has an even chance for recovery. The indicted banker lies a prisoner in the hospital prison ward.

## OH, WHERE, OH, WHERE, IS HER PRETTY GOWN?

New York, Dec. 31.—Express company detectives are scouring New York for a clue to the whereabouts of a gown, which Mrs. Nicholas Longworth expected to wear at President Taft's New Year's reception Monday afternoon. Mrs. Longworth came to New York from Washington recently and was measured by dress makers. Inquiry indicates that the gown was stolen from a wagon during the holiday rush.

#### Lang and Lanford to Fight

New York, Dec. 31.—Sam Langford and Bill Lang are matched to fight for a twenty thousand dollars purse in London February 16th.

## MRS. BUNTING BURNED TO DEATH

### Heartrending Death of Aged Lady

While in Her Room at the Home of Mr. H. F. Wilder, Her Son-in-Law, Mrs. Bunting's Clothing Caught Fire From a Stove and She Was Fatally Burned in a Few Moments—Distressing Tragedy Has Shocked the City.

Mrs. Rebecca J. Bunting, a venerable and beloved lady of this city, mother of Messrs. J. Hicks Bunting and Nash Bunting, prominent druggists of Wilmington, was fatally burned, dying a few minutes later, shortly after 12 o'clock today at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. H. F. Wilder, No. 216 Chesnut street. Mrs. Bunting caught fire while alone in her room and she was dead when the apartment was entered a few minutes later.

Information of the distressing tragedy spread throughout the city like wild fire a few minutes after it occurred. Universal expressions of sympathy for the bereaved relatives were offered by everyone. Scores of friends called at Mr. Wilder's residence during the early afternoon to extend condolences because of the shocking death of Mrs. Bunting, and to offer any assistance in the distressing and terrible bereavement which has befallen the children of the beloved lady. Mrs. Bunting was in her 82nd year. She was not strong enough to suppress the flames after her clothing caught fire, although she went from her room to a bath room adjoining in the effort to secure water to relieve her terrible suffering. Mrs. Bunting was dead when the bath room was entered only a few minutes after she caught fire. Her body was practically incinerated by the devouring flames.

The tragedy is of such sad and mournful nature that it will shock and grieve the entire community. Mrs. Bunting was alone at the time she caught fire. Therefore, exactly how the awful affair occurred is only a matter of surmise. Mrs. Bunting occupied a front room on the second floor of Mr. Wilder's residence, No. 216 Chesnut street. There was no one with her in her room at the time of the fire. Mrs. Bunting's room had in it a regulation wood heating stove. It is presumed that her clothing caught fire while she was attempting to place fuel in the stove. Mrs. Henry W. Angel who lives across the street from Mr. Wilder's residence, a minute or two after twelve o'clock today had her attention attracted by smoke which was emerging from the windows of the room occupied by Mrs. Bunting. Thinking that a fire had started, and that occupants of the residence were unaware of it, Mrs. Angel hurried across the street to apprise Mrs. Wilder. The two ladies lost not a moment in hurrying up stairs to go to the assistance of Mrs. Bunting as they remembered that she was in her room. The door leading to the apartment was closed. Mrs. Angel forced the door open and the gaze of the two ladies fell upon flames which were devouring the bed and washstand. A volume of smoke poured out of the room a moment or two after the door was opened. Mrs. Angel and Mrs. Wilder, noticing that Mrs. Bunting was not in her room, hurried into the bath-room which adjoined Mrs. Bunting's apartment. Here Mrs. Bunting was found lying on the floor. The aged lady was dead when found in the bath room. This was only a very few moments after the smoke had first been noticed by Mrs. Angel from her home across the street. The ladies saw that nothing could be done for Mrs. Bunting as death had already ensued. Mrs. Angel then hurried out and had the alarm of fire sent in. The department responded in a few moments and suppressed the fire in the room after articles of furniture had been badly damaged by flames.

In the meantime physicians had been summoned. After viewing the body they stated that Mrs. Bunting had been dead for some minutes and that nothing could be done for her. The body was fearfully burned and it is presumed that death was hastened by the inhalation of flames. The fact that the body was found in the bath-room shows that Mrs. Bunting, after her clothing caught fire, made every effort to secure water to extinguish the flames. She traversed

## NEW YORK'S BIG NIGHT TONIGHT

### Giant Noise and Hilarity For Gotham

This New Year's Eve Promises to be the Coolest and Most Festive of All—No Ban on Noise, But Rowdiness Will be Strictly Barred.

New York, Dec. 31.—More than a million dollars goes in circulation at tonight's New Year celebration in New York. Most of this sum will go for "wet" goods. Signs indicate it will be the coolest and noisier of all previous celebrations. "Tinklers", confetti and rowdiness are barred by officials edict. No attempt, however, will be made to put the soft pedal on noise.

#### Winter of Disasters for Italy.

Turin, Italy, Dec. 31.—A severe winter and heavy snows are causing many disasters. Many avalanches are reported.

A few feet going from her room to the bath room. Before getting to the bath tub she fell, dying, it is supposed, within a few moments. The body was fearfully burned. The tragic death of Mrs. Bunting will be deeply deplored in this city where she was well known and universally beloved. The tender sympathy of hundreds of friends will be extended the bereaved relatives in their terrible and tragic bereavement. A few minutes after Mrs. Bunting's body was found Mr. James F. Woolvin, the funeral director, was summoned and he prepared the remains for burial. Announcement of the funeral will be made later.

Mrs. Bunting is survived by two sons, Messrs. J. Hicks Bunting and Nash Bunting, of this city and two daughters, Mrs. H. F. Wilder, of Wilmington, and another daughter, Mrs. Murphy who resides in Georgia. The latter has been telegraphed the sad news of her mother's tragic death and it is expected that she will come to the funeral.

## HEAVY TOLL TO "BLACK HAND"

### Paterson the Scene of Lurid Tragedy Today

One Killed and Three Others Seriously Injured—Bomb Explosion Wrecked a Tenement and Was Followed by a Fire.

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 31.—One man dead and two women and a child dangerously injured is the toll of the latest "Black Hand" outrage here. The explosion was followed by a fire, which wrecked a double tenement house. The bomb exploded under the stairway.

## TO MUCH ATHLETICS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Salt Lake City, Dec. 31.—Dr. John M. Tyler, of Amhurst University, addressing the Utah Teachers' Association asserted that college athletics was one of the most ludicrous and ready ridiculous ingredients of modern education. "Athletics in the high schools should not be too severe," he said. "The heart at the time a boy is in the high school is yet weak, and its tissues are not tough. Every commander dreads taking with him in the field of battle, boys eighteen and twenty years old."

## TONS OF COAL CRUSHED LIFE OUT OF HIM

New York, Dec. 31.—Buried beneath three tons of coal, Michael Haley, an engineer, was crushed to death last night in a coal picket.

#### Grand Theatre.

"How Hubby Got a Raise," an extremely funny picture. It

## Daring Aviator Moisant Who Fell to Death To-day

